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Flame-blue,
color that hovers above the copper-saturated drift-wood in the beach-fire.
And the tall white poppy down the canyon
Sways against the blaze
Like a ship.

SPRING DAY

The pomegranate tree at the foot of the garden
Stands close to the river.
Its blossoms stain the air:
They shake against the white water,
Wavering on the fluent brightness
Like the vermilion found with quicksilver.

PATIO SCENE

Pepe is sailing a ship
Across the fountain-basin of gold and white tiles.
The ship is a gardenia,
And the skipper is a small oblong beetle
In a jacket of chintz.

Grace Hazard Conkling